

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, or claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Original) An element for use in a brake actuator, said element being mounted so as to be always in contact with hydraulic brake fluid in a brake fluid pressure circuit, said element comprising a first member formed with a not-through hole having a bottom, and a second member having a bottom and pressed into said not-through hole, one of said first member and said second member being formed with a channel through which any gap present between said bottom of said pin and said bottom of said not-through hole is in communication with the outside of said not-through hole.
2. (Original) The element claimed in claim 1 wherein said channel is defined by a cylindrical inner periphery of said not-through hole and a flat cut surface formed on the outer periphery of a portion of said second member which is pressed into said hole.
3. (Original) The element of claim 1 wherein said channel is a groove formed in one of the outer periphery of said second member and the inner periphery of said not-through hole.

4. (Currently Amended) The element of ~~any of claims 1-3~~ claim 1 wherein said bottom of said second member and said bottom of said not-through hole are shaped so as to contact each other only at central portion of said not-through hole with the edge of the bottom of said pin spaced from the bottom of said not-through hole when said second member is pressed into said not-through hole.

5. (Original) The element of claim 4 wherein the bottom of said not-through hole has the shape of a concave cone.

6. (Original) The element of claim 4 wherein one of the bottom of said second member and the bottom of said not-through hole has the shape of a concave cone having a first apex angle, and the other of the bottom of said second member and the bottom of said not-through hole has the shape of a convex cone having a second apex angle, said first apex angle being different from said second apex angle.

7. (New) The element of claim 2 wherein said bottom of said second member and said bottom of said not-through hole are shaped so as to contact each other only at central portion of said not-through hole with the edge of the bottom of said pin spaced from the bottom of said not-through hole when said second member is pressed into said not-through hole.

8. (New) The element of claim 3 wherein said bottom of said second member and said bottom of said not-through hole are shaped so as to contact each other only at central portion of said not-through hole with the edge of the bottom of said pin spaced from the bottom of said not-through hole when said second member is pressed into said not-through hole.